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AGRICULTURAL RETURNS.

Agricultural Returns, County of Bedford. Presented to the Statistical Society of London, by the Right Honourable the PRESIDENT of the BOARD of TRADE.

*Statistical Department, Board of Trade,
Whitehall, May 3rd, 1838.*

SIR,

At the desire of the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Poulett Thomson, I have the honour to send herewith an Abstract of some Statistical Returns, exhibiting the agricultural capability and production of twenty-seven parishes in Bedfordshire, in the year 1835. This Abstract you will be so good as to present, in Mr. Thomson's name, to the Council of the Statistical Society of London.

The President of this Board, participating in the desire generally felt of possessing accurate information on the subject embraced by these Returns, so that on a question of such high importance as that of the productive powers of the soil, and of the degree and manner in which these are called forth in this country, we should be no longer left to conjecture, or at best to the uncertainty of vague computations, gave directions, in May 1836, for the preparation of some simple but comprehensive queries, the answers to which might exhibit the leading facts upon the subject.

There is not any class of public functionaries in this country whose services can be claimed for this purpose by the Government, and after much consideration, it was determined to apply for the assistance of the resident clergy, making it a personal request that, as a matter of courtesy, each should endeavour to obtain the requisite answers to the queries. A copy of the queries, and of the letter by which they were in each case accompanied, are sent herewith, marked (A.) and (B.).

To have sent these papers simultaneously to the resident clergyman of every parish in England and Wales would have been a very laborious work, and, until it should be shown that a reasonable chance for success would follow upon the application, it was not thought proper to employ much time and labour in the experiment. To test, therefore, the probability of success that might result from the more extended enquiry, one county, Bedfordshire, was chosen; and application was made to the resident clergyman of each of the 126 parishes into which that county is divided. Had the result of these applications proved sufficiently encouraging the enquiries would have been extended throughout England and Wales, but as out of the above-mentioned number of 126 clergymen, returns were made by only 27, or about one in five, the attempt was necessarily abandoned.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your very obedient servant,

G. R. PORTER.

*Woronzow Greig, Esq., Honorary Secretary
to the Statistical Society of London.*

(A.)

*Statistical Department, Board of Trade,
Whitehall, May 1836.*

REVEREND SIR,

I AM directed by the President of this Board to submit to you the accompanying set of Questions.

The President is aware that in requesting you to be good enough to return answers as far as you are able to these enquiries, he can only appeal to your courtesy and desire of being useful ; but he trusts that he may make the application without being charged with presumption when he states, that he is actuated solely by the desire of procuring for the use of this Department, and for objects purely Statistical, as much information as possible, with a view to its being afterwards made available to the public at large.

Some of the Questions may possibly not apply to the particular parish in which you reside, and with regard to others of them which do so apply, it may not, in every case, be in your power to return answers ; but as the usefulness of the information will, of course, depend in a great measure upon its completeness, the President will feel himself much obliged by your obtaining and giving answers to as many as possible.

I have the honour to be, Reverend Sir,

Your very obedient Servant,

G. R. PORTER,

Chief of the Statistical Department.

*To the Resident Clergyman
of the Parish of ———*

(B.)

Name of Parish.

1. What is the number of acres of land in the Parish ?
2. What is the number of farms in the Parish ?
3. What is the mode of letting ? If by leases, their nature, and for what term of years ?
4. What is the size of the several farms ?
5. What is the nature of the soil ?
6. What is the nature of the sub-soil ?
7. What is the depth of the soil ?
8. What is the state of drainage ?
9. What is the number of acres under the plough ?
10. What is the usual course of crops ?
11. What is the number of acres of pasture land ?
12. What is the number of acres of meadow land ?
13. What is the number of acres of wood and coppice ?
14. Of what kind of trees do such woods principally consist ?
15. Have any extensive plantations been recently made ?
16. Of what extent, and of what kinds of trees ?
17. What is the number of acres of common, marsh, waste, or other land, not previously specified ? Distinguish each kind.
18. What is the average annual quantity of hay, distinguishing whether from natural, or artificial grasses ?
19. What was the number of acres planted with wheat in 1835, and the quantity produced ?

20. What was the number of acres planted with barley in 1835, and the quantity produced?
21. What was the number of acres planted with oats in 1835, and the quantity produced?
22. What was the number of acres planted with rye in 1835, and the quantity produced?
23. What was the number of acres planted with beans in 1835, and the quantity produced?
24. What was the number of acres planted with peas in 1835, and the quantity produced?
25. What was the number of acres planted with buckwheat in 1835, and the quantity produced?
26. The same of hemp.
27. The same of flax.
28. The same of teazle.
29. The same of carraway-seed.
30. The same of canary-seed.
31. The same of coriander-seed.
32. The same of any other kind of grain not previously specified.
33. What is the quantity of seed of each different kind of grain per acre?
34. What is the average annual quantity produced of each kind of grain respectively?
35. What was the number of acres planted with potatoes in 1835, and the weight produced?
36. What was the number of acres under fallow in 1835, specifying the number planted with turnips, and whether they were fed off, or drawn off; also the number planted with tares as a green crop?
37. What was the number of acres planted with tares for seed in 1835, and the quantity of seed produced.
38. What was the number of acres of clover, and other artificial grasses cut for seed in 1835, and the quantity produced?
39. What is the number of horses employed for agricultural purposes?
40. What is the number of horses employed for other purposes, viz. cart horses, breeding horses, and pleasure horses?
41. What is the number of working oxen?
42. What is the number of grazing cattle, exclusive of milch cows?
43. What is the number of milch cows?
44. What is the number of calves bred in the year, specifying the number for meat, and the number for rearing?
45. What is the number of sheep of long-woolled breed, and the average weight per fleece of wool?
46. What is the number of short-woolled sheep, and the average weight per fleece?
47. What is the number of lambs of all descriptions, bred in the year, specifying the number for meat, and the number for rearing, together with the average weight of wool per fleece, if shearing is practised?
48. What is the number of sheep annually employed in folding the land in summer?
49. What is the number of sheep sheared in a year?
50. What is the quantity and description of cheese made in the year?
51. What is the quantity and description of butter made in the year?
52. What is the usual rate paid for various kinds of labour, in summer and in winter respectively?

Name of Parish.	Extent. — No. of Acres.	No. of Farms.	Mode of Letting.	Size of Farms.	Nature of the Soil.	Nature of the Sub-Soil.	Depth of Soil.	State of Drainage.
Arlsey	2200	10	Only 2 on running leases of 4 years.	Acres. 6 at 200, 1 at 150, and 3 at 60.	Chiefly heavy ..	Gravel and clay.	Inches. About 9	Almost all drained. Drains out of repair.
Astwick	640	2	Both the farms are freehold.	320 and 280	Heavy	Clay	4	Nearly all drained.
Bedford, St. John's	Under 30	5 fields	Yearly	50 to 168	Gravel	Gravel	6 to 9	Good
Bedford, St. Mary's	490	4, and small allotments	Yearly, not by lease.	5 from 200 to 250 2 " 150 " 200 2 " 100 " 150 1 " 50 " 100 7 under 50.	Alluvial	Variable — silt, and in parts clay.	9 to 18	Generally good.
Blunham with Mugerhanger.	2589	20	Yearly, not by lease.	5 from 200 to 250 2 " 150 " 200 2 " 100 " 150 1 " 50 " 100 7 under 50.	Alluvial	Variable — silt, and in parts clay.	9 to 18	Generally good.
Caddington, part, in Herts.	4515	15	7 tenants yearly, or on lease from 3 to 9 years.	1 of 580	Clay, gravel, and chalk.	Clay, with much flint, gravel, and chalk.	4 to 6	None
Clifton	Abt. 1450	5 principal	2 in proprietor's hands.	130 to 200, the rest in small occupations.	Gravel	Gravel and clay	About 9	Pretty good....
Clophill	2340	10	At will	50 to 250	Sand, clay, and peat.	Sandstone, rock, and clay.	.....	.....
Cople	2050	11	On lease for 7 years.	80 to 260	Gravel, clay, and wood-land.	Gravel and clay.	6 to 24	Tile on gravel, wood on clay.
Dunstable	410	4	Yearly	1 of 137, 3 of 50, the rest in small allotments.	Light, chalky ..	Chalk	5 to 6	None required..
Dunton with Millow	2400	11, and 12 allotments	Yearly	40 to 440; allotments from 1 to 10.	Clay	Chiefly blue clay the rest loamy ditto.	2 to 3	Chiefly with bushes.
Farndish	Abt. 648	5	Yearly	1 of 187	Clay, red sandstone, and lime	Rock and clay..	4 to 6	About 2-3ds of the parish.
Flitton	875	6	Generally yearly	8 from 100 to 150 1 " 50 " 100 100 to 130	Sandy loam	Sand, or sandstone.	6 to 12	Generally good.
Gravenhurst, Lower	1200	1	The only farm is freehold.	.....	1000 acres clay, 200 acres alluvial	Blue gault	By nature no staple	Formerly hollow drained with bushes, but without effect. All the heavy land under-drained.
Henlow	2190	9, and small lettings.	At will	1 of 425, 2 of 220 2 " 200, 2 " 150 1 " 31; small allotments 110.	4-5ths thin soil, clay bottom; 1-5th gravel.	Stony undergravel, and red clay, gault, and marl.	3 to 6	.....
Keysoe	3500	38	Chiefly yearly, 2 belonging to colleges are for 21 years, and underlet by the leaseholder.	1 of 383, 5 ab 50 8 ab. 300, 5 " 20 3 " 250, 3 " 20 3 " 150, 7 " 10 2 " 100, 8 " 5 66 acres in allotments	Clay	Stiff yellow clay, with chalk stones; in some parts blue clay	About 6	Very good
Northill	Abt. 4000	24	Yearly	From 30 to 400..	Gravel, clay, loam, and sand.	Gravel and clay.	Gravel, 24 to 48; clay, 18 to 36; loam, 18 to 60.	Mostly, except on small farms.
Poddington	Abt. 2730	12	Yearly — if by lease, (rarely) for 7 years.	Average 200....	2-3ds loamy clay, 1-3d wood-land	Chiefly clay ...	5 to 6	Tolerable; lately much improved.
Potton	Abt. 2600	10	Yearly—a few by leases for 7 yrs.	5 averaging 250 5 " 123	1-half clay, 1-hf. sand.	Clay and sandstone.	9 to 24	Very good
Sandy	3026	14	.....	1 from 450 to 500 1 " 350 " 400 2 " 200 " 300 5 " 100 " 200 5 under 100.	Gravel, clay, sand, & marshy.	.....	.....	.....
Staughton, Little.	Abt. 1200	7	Yearly	40 to 250	Cold weak clay in one part, cold strong clay in another.	Blue gault	About 6	About 1-3d with wood and tiles.
Toddington	5487	43	Generally yearly	Averaging 130..	Rich loam, and gravel.	Clay and gravel.	.....	A great part hollow drained.
Turvey	Abt. 4400	20	Generally yearly	50 to 500	Gravel, blue clay and lime-stone.	Rock, gravel, and poor clay.	5 to 16	Generally
Wilden	2170	22	No leases	2 to 300	Cold clay	White gault	About 6	About 3-4ths, & progressing.
Wilsamstead	2997	13, and small occupations.	Yearly .....	.....	Gravel and clay.	Generally clay .	5 to 6	Greatly improved but imperfect.
Wymington	1683	17	Yearly	1 of 450, 1 of 250 1 from 150 to 200 4 " 100 " 150 3 " 50 " 100 7 under 50.	Clay and wood-land.	Clay mixed with chalk-stone.	4 to 5	About 3-4ths.
Yelden	Abt. 1686	6	Yearly	1 of 520	Stiff clay	Clay .....	.....	A small part ...

No. of Acres under the Plough.	Usual Course of Crops.	No. of Acres.				Plantations recently made.		No. of Acres of Marsh, Waste, or other Land, not specified.	Average Annual Quantity of Hay.	
		Pasture Land.	Meadow Land.	Wood or Coppice.		Extent.	Kinds of Trees.		From Artificial Grasses.	From Common Grasses.
				Extent.	Kinds of Trees.					
1600	The 4-course; a few 5.	500	Acres. Included in pasture.	20	Ash, elm, & fir.	None.....	.....	50 common.		
	All further information refused by the Farmers.									
275	The 4-course....	215	None	None ....	.....	None.....	.....	None.....	1½ per acre	1½ per acre
1785	Ditto	250	424	20 wood, 10 plantation, and 100 fences	Oak, ash, elm, and fir.	None.....	.....	140 garden	20 tons, 150 " 50 "	Meadow, highland clover.
3300	2 crops and a fallow.	Abt. 500	2 to 300	140	Oak, ash, and beech.	One of 24 acres.	Fir, oak, & beech.	None	300 loads.	150 loads.
.....	.....	Abt. 200	.....	9 or 10	Coppice-wood, hazle, ash, &c.	A few	Chiefly ash, and larch.	None.		
1400	The 4-course....	700	.....	269	Woods — oak; plantations—fir	None.....	.....	None.		
1850	3 crops and a fallow.	580	60	57	Elm, oak, ash, and poplar.	None.....	.....	None	On 40 acres.	On 190 acres.
176	The 4-course....	214	With pasture.	None ....	.....	None.....	.....	None	1 to 1½ ton	per acre.
2000	2 and sometimes 3 crops and a fallow.	370	None	5	Ash and elm ...	None.....	.....	None	450 tons..	50 tons.
486	The 4-course....	None	None	1½	Ash and fir	None.....	.....	None	About 60 tons.	
500	Generally 4-course.	200	50	1	Whitethorns & alders.	None.....	.....	50 bog & marsh.	500 tons.	
800	Formerly 2 crops and a fallow; at present a new system.	300	100	6	Ash and fir	None.....	.....	.....	1 ton	per acre.
1660	The 4-course; a few 5.	190	340	16	Oak, elm, ash, and fir.	None.....	.....	.....	1 to 1½ ton per acre.	1 ton per acre.
2100	The 4-course....	600	400	224	Oak.....	None.....	.....	None	120 tons..	300 tons.
2700	Ditto.....	Abt. 1000	Abt. 100	100	Oak, ash, elm, larch, & maple.	None.....	.....	500 gardens; 18½ common.	Very	little.
1530	Ditto.....	Abt. 950	80	250	Woods—oak and ash; under-wood, ash, and black-thorn.	A few small.	Oak, ash, larch, &c.	Hedges & grass-slades, 110; gardens, 25.	Rather more than ½ ton per acre.	½ ton per acre.
2115	Ditto.....	Abt. 180	With pasture.	210	Oak and ash ...	None.....	.....	Gardens, 255; waste, 40; race ground, 45.	100 tons..	100 tons.
1898	.....	901	With pasture.	290	Fir and forest-trees.	.....	.....	Gardens & home-steads, 493, heath and waste, 503.	Further information refused by the Farmers.	
900	Ditto.....	Abt. 270	None	Abt. 10	Elm & oak	86	Fir, elm, oak, &c.	Gravel-pits, 2...	40 tons...	80 tons.
2718	The 5 & 3-course .....	.....	.....	150	Oak, elm, & ash	None.	.....	.....		
2200	The 4-course....	Abt. 2100	Abt. 100	Abt. 200	Oak, ash, hazle, & fir.	Nearly all	.....	None	500 tons..	500 tons.
1900	2 crops and a fallow; some alternately a white and a green crop.	2 to 300	None	Abt. 30	Ash, elm, & oak	None.....	.....	None	20 to 30 tons.	120 tons.
2000	2 crops and a fallow.	Abt. 700	With pasture.	165	Oak, elm, & ash	None.....	.....	None	Very small.	
1014	The 4-course....	671	None	15	.....	.....	.....	Gardens, 74	60 tons..	90 tons.
886	Ditto.....	Abt. 800	Abt. 75	Abt. 10	Underwood.....	None.....	.....	Waste, common roads, &c., 175.		

Name of Parish.	PRODUCE in 1835.											
	Wheat.		Barley.		Oats.		Rye.		Beans.		Peas.	
	Acres.	Qty.	Acres.	Qty.	Acres.	Qty.	Acres.	Qty.	Acres.	Qty.	Acres.	Qty.
Arlsey	The Bush.		rs decli	Bush.	wering	Bush.	questio	Bush.		Bush.		Bush.
Bedford, St. Mary's.	70	1,750	80	3,200	20	800	None	ns.	30	600	10	200
Blunham with Mugerhanger.	400	10,000	200	12,000	50	1,750	None.	..	50	1,500	30	750
Caddington, part in Herts.	730	16,000	460	18,400	330	9,160	5	Failed.	60	Not stated.	66	Not stated.
Clophill	Abt.350		Abt.350	..	Scar.any	..	None.	..	Abt.175		..	..
Cople	337	8,425	300	10,800	40	1,440	None.	..	50	1,250	10	250
Dunstable	50	1,250	44	1,408	42	1,680	None.	..	None.		None.	..
Dunton with Millow	500	8,000	470	11,280	100	3,200	None.	..	50	1,200	40	960
Farnlish	126	4,032	97	3,104	12	384	None.	..	39	1,092	21	336
Flitton	150	3,750	100	3,600	40	1,600	2	80	40	1,000	10	200
Henlow	380	9,500	300	11,400	60	2,640	None.	..	90	2,250	40	800
Keysoe	700	14,000	300	9,000	150	4,800	None.	..	400	8,000	27	400
Northill	550	11,000	350	11,200	200	8,000	None.	..	Not known.		None.	..
Poddington	416	7,920	100	2,560	230	7,600	None.	..	92	2,576	None.	..
Potton	460	11,500	400	12,800	120	4,800	60	1,500	90	2,700	110	2,750
Staughton, Little	226	4,520	150	4,800	95	4,000	None.	..	120	3,360	30	840
Turvey	Ab. 500	12,000	Ab. 200	6,400	Ab. 300	9,600	None.	..	Ab. 300	7,200	None.	..
Wilden	Abt 600	12,000	Abt.120	3,840	400	10,000	None.	..	100	2,000	None.	..
Wilhamstead . . .	Abt.500	..	Abt.330	..	Very few.	None.	..	..	Abt.200	..	Very few.	..
Wymington	237	4,740	142	3,408	177	5,664	None	..	80	2,064	None.	..
Yelden	225	4,500	160	3,200	80	2,560	80	..	160	3,200	None.	..

Name of Parish.	Potatoes in 1835.		Land under Fallow in 1835			Tares for Seed in 1835.		Clover and Artificial Grasses for Seed in 1835.		No. of Horses employed for	
	Acres planted.	Quantity produced	Total No. of Acres.	Turnips, whether Fed or Drawn off.	Tares as a Green Crop.	Acres.	Qty.	Acres.	Quantity of Seed.	Agricul- tural purposes	Other pur- poses.
Arlsey	Very few	..	Acres. Abt 400	Acres. Fed off	Acres. ..	Farms	Bush or dec	line ans	Bushels. wering.	60	12
Bedford, St. Mary's.	None.	..	70	42	25	3	45	Broad, 30 Dutch, 5	30 50	25	Very few. 46
Blunham with Mug- gerhanger.	10	150 bush.	..	250 f. o.	100	20	200	50 c. l.	20 sacks	80	
Caddington, part in Herts	5	..	820	356 f. o.	140	26	About 390	23 c. l.	92 bush.	104	Cannot be ascer- tained.
Clifton	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4. please.
Clophill	Very few.	..	Abt.350	Chiefly fed off.	..	Very few.	..	Abt.175	..	..	..
Cople	12	..	300	240 f. o.	..	..	..	Abt.40	..	Abt.50	..
Dunstable	None.	..	..	25 failed.	6	None.	..	None.	..	6	..
Dunton with Milow	5	30 tons.	500	50 f. o.	50	40	640	300	Failed.	80	20
Farnlish	14	240 bush.	82	30 f. o.	15	14	140	30	40	22	2
Flitton	16	1600 ..	95	65 f. o.	30	7	105	16 to 20	112 to 140	30	10
Henlow	20	3000 ..	404	2.0 f. o.	..	Very few.	..	70	R. 1 1/2 cwt. ac. W. 3 ..	65	12
Keysoe	None for	Market.	500	30 f. o.	60	40	280	104	95	70	20
Northill	Un	known.	550	Fed off.	..	None.	..	Un	known.	4 per 100 acres.	Un- known
Poddington	Very few.	..	340	24 f. o.	40	55	664	70	Failed.	88	30
Potton	60	360 tons.	320	160 f. o.	50	80	1600	60	7 1/2 tons.	Abt.70	Abt.10
Staughton, Little	None.	..	180	10 d. o.	40	15	360	70	210 bush.	Abt.45	None.
Toddington	Abt.16	Rented by the Poor.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Turvey	Only in of the	Gardens Poor.	500	100 f. o.	150	30	450	Can ascr	not be tained.	Abt.120	Abt.55
Wilden	None.	..	600	None.	50	10	120	30	22 1/2 cwt.	63	12
Wilhamstead. . .	5 to 6, in Plots.	650 to 780	500	250	250	Very few.	..	100	200	Abt.100	..
Wymington	None.	..	188	None.	10	23	184	35	17 1/2 cwt.	52	None.
Yelden	None.	..	250	None.	Very few	..	..	21	..	40	10

Acres.	Qty.	Quantity of Seed used per Acre.							Average Annual Produce per Acre.						
		Wheat	Barley	Oats.	Rye.	Beans.	Peas.	Other Grain.	Wheat	Barley	Oats.	Rye.	Beans.	Peas.	Other Grain.
	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.
None.	..	3	4	6	..	5	4	..	25	40	48	..	20	20	..
None.	..	3	5	6	..	4	4 to 5	Tares, 3	25	40	35	..	30	25	..
13 of 3a not Cow 883 of C	infoln, cabbage lover.	3	4	5	..	4	4	Tares, 3; Turnips, 3 to 4lbs.	25	40	40	..	20 to 25	20 to 25	..
None.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	36	36	..	25	25	..
None.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	32	40	..	..	..	..
None.	..	3	5	5	..	..	..	..	16	24	32	..	24	24	..
None.	..	3	5	6	..	4	4	..	32	32	32	..	28	16	..
None.	..	3	5	6	..	..	3	..	28	32	40 to 43	..	24	16	..
1 road 1 r. Carr Clover, 280	Poppies away S. Cwts. 560	3	4 1/2	..	..	3 to 4	4	Clover, 2 lbs.	25	36	40	..	27	24	Clover, 2 cwts.
None.	..	3	4 to 5	6	..	4	3 to 4	..	20	30	32	..	20	15	..
None.	..	2 to 3	4 to 5	5 to 7	..	3	3	..	20	32	40	..	..	..	..
Clover 80	for Hay	3	4	5	..	4	..	..	21	24	28	..	24	..	..
Clover & 100	Grasses	2 1/2	4 1/2	5	3	3 1/2	3 1/2	..	25	32	40	25	30	25	..
None.	..	3	4	6	..	4	4	..	20	32	40	..	28	28	..
None.	..	2	4	5	..	3	..	..	20	..	30	..	20	..	..
None.	..	2 1/2	4	5	..	3	..	..	20	32	25	..	20	..	..
None.	..	2 1/2	4	5	..	3 1/2	..	..	20	32	..	..	..	..	..
Grazing 30	Seeds.	3	4	5	..	4	..	..	20	32	32	..	20	..	..
None.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	32	32	..	20	..	..

No. of Working Oxen.	No of Grazing Cattle, (other than Milch Cows.)	No. of Milch Cows.	No. of Calves Bred in the Year.		No. of Sheep of long woolled Breed		Sheep of short woolled Breed.		No. of Lambs Bred in the year.		No. of Sheep Annually employed in folding the Land in Summer.	No. of Sheep Sheared in the Year.	Cheese made in the Year.		Butter made in the Year.		
			For Rearing.	For Meat.	No.	Average Weight per Fiece	No.	Average Weight per Fiece	For Rearing.	For Meat.			Qty.	Description.	Qty.	Description.	
None.	None.	63	8	55	The Farmers	Lbs. decline					All.		None.	..	Lbs. 3,000		
None.	None.	Abt.20	..	10	250	Abt.5	None	..	150	50	200 to 300	300 to 350	None.	..	None.		
None.	20	116	50	60	2,200	5 to 6	None	..	1,100	..	1,100	2,200	None.	..	8,000	Fresh.	
12	25	44	8	23	1,726	5	1,023	4	1,370	300	2,500 Sheep & Lambs.	2,300	None.	..	Little.		
None.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	None.	..			
..	Variable.	Variable.	..	..	..	5 to 6	..	3	..	Most.	..	..	None.	..			
None.	Abt.30	30	10	10	1,400	5	200	3 to 4	900	..	All.	All.	None.	..	Little.		
None.	None.	14	..	..	None	..	60	4	..	..	60	60	None.	..	None.	for Sale	
None.	None.	20	..	20	1,600	4	54	None	..	700	100	1,500	1,600	None.	..	None.	for Sale
None.	None.	22	11	11	490	4 to 4 1/2	None	..	450	..	All.	All.	None.	..	6,000		
None.	Abt.20	40	20	..	300	4	10 or 12	..	200	..	200	300	None.	..	1,500		
None.	None.	50	..	40	1,700	6	50	2 1/2	660	200	1,600	1,700	None.	..			
None.	Abt.60	Abt.70	35	35	1,260	4 1/2	None	..	580	20	All.	All.	None.	for Sale	10,000	Fresh.	
None.	Unknown	..	Few.	Few.	..	6 1/2	None	..	..	..	Not general to fold.	2,500	None.	..	None.	for Sale	
None.	80	40	25	15	1,500	We. 6 Ew. 4 1/2	None	..	680	20	1,380	1,500	Very little.	Not good, resembles Leicester.	Little.	Fresh.	
None.	Abt.20	Abt.25	Abt. 25	..	About 1,500	Abt.5 1/2	None	..	About 650	..	Abt.1200	1,600	None.	..	None.		
None.	None.	Abt.50	Abt.30	..	About 400	6	None	..	About 300	..	350	300	None.	for Sale.	About 4,992		
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	A small quantity	..	Milk.	..		
None.	Abt.200	Abt.60	30	30	2,000	5 to 6	None	..	2,000	..	1,500	2,000	None.	..	Can not be ascer	tained	
None.	30	30	20	20	900	4	None	..	400	..	900	900	None.	..	30 to 40 cwt.	Fresh.	
None.	None.	Abt.64	About 60	..	About 600	5	None	..	600	..	600	600	None.	..	Small.		
None.	Abt.90	38	24	19	806	5	None	..	395	None	520 sheep & lambs	806	None	for Sale.	Small.		
None.	Abt.140	Abt.40	50	20	1,000	4	None	..	100	500	Abt.800	1,000	None	for Sale.	4,800		

NAME of PARISH.	RATES of WAGES.
Arlesey	Common labourers, 8s. per week; 10s. per piece.
Astwick	
Bedford, St. John's	
„ St. Mary's	Winter, 9s.; summer, 10s.; taskwork, 12s.; in harvest month, 8s. extra.
Blunham with Muggerhanger	Day-labour, winter and summer, 9s.; thrashing and jobwork, 10s. to 12s. In harvest, with board, 50s.; without board, 80s., per month.
Caddington	8s. to 10s. In hay-harvest, 10s. to 12s.; by the piece, 2s. 6d. to 3s. per acre, for mowing. In wheat-harvest, if with board, no increase; if not boarded, double wages. By the piece, 9s. to 10s. per acre for wheat; 2s. for barley or oats.
Clifton	8s. to 9s. per week.
Clophill	Winter, 8s.; summer, 10s.; in harvest, 20s.
Cople	Men, 7s. to 9s.; boys, 1s. 6d. to 4s. 6d. per week.
Dunstable	Winter, 9s.; summer, 12s.
Dunton with Millow	9s. to 12s. per week; in hay-time, 15s.; harvest, 22s. to 30s.
Fardish	8s. to 9s. per week.
Flitton	8s. per week; hay-time, 12s.; harvest, 20s.
Gravenhurst, Lower	
Henlow	Commonly, 9s.; lately, 8s. In hay-time and harvest, 11s. per week.
Keysoe	Winter, 7s.; summer, 8s. to 9s. per week.
Northill	Summer and winter, 9s.; piecework, 11s. to 13s.; in harvest, 20s. to 25s.
Poddington	9s.; bad and old men, 6s. to 8s.; very good, often 10s.; little variation in winter and summer. Hay-time, extra; harvest-month, 80s. to 90s.
Potton	8s. to 9s. per week, but varies with the price of wheat.
Sandy	
Staughton, Little	Winter, 6s. 6d.; summer, 10s. per week.
Toddington	9s. to 12s. per week.
Turvey	About 9s. throughout the year.
Wilden	7s. to 12s. per week.
Wilshamstead	9s. per week; mowing, 12s. to 15s.; draining, 2s. 6d. per 20 poles; thrashing, 2s. per load.
Wymington	8s. to 12s. Harvest, 18s. to 20s. per week.
Yeiden	Winter, 8s.; summer, 9s. per week.

POLICE OF THE METROPOLIS.

[From Returns furnished by the Commissioners of Metropolitan Police.]

1. *Constitution of the Police Force.*—The total number of men at the close of 1837 was 3,421, consisting of 17 Superintendents, 70 Inspectors, 342 Serjeants, and 2,992 Constables. The number of married men was 2,440, and 981 were single men: 776 men resigned or were dismissed in 1837. The number of deaths which occurred in the force during the same year was 40.

The amount of gratuities given by the public to police constables for good conduct during the 8 years, from 1830 to 1837, has been 5,875*l.* averaging 734*l.* a year; and it is gratifying to state that the amount is annually increasing, it having last year reached 1,276*l.*

2. *Offences in 1837.*—The number of offences which came under the cognizance of the police in 1837 was 58,338, exhibiting a decrease of 12 per cent. on 1836, when they amounted to 66,248. The number of offences attempted in 1837, but prevented by the police, was 728; the number prevented by other persons was 134. The number of cases in which the offenders were apprehended at the time was 52,261, and of these 989 were not taken by the police. The number in which the offenders were apprehended subsequently was 2,537, of which 84 were not taken by the police.